VENICE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ADVOCATING FOR A STRONG BUSINESS CLIMATE, A SKILLED WORKFORCE, AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS:

Protect Businesses from Cost Shifting

Support implementation of Florida's Amendment 3 and other state policies without creating new business fees, assessments, taxes, or unfunded mandates. Advocate for solutions that protect employers and strengthen economic competitiveness.

Lower the Cost of Doing Business

Support continued insurance reform, elimination of the business rent tax, and fair property tax policies that help businesses invest, expand, and create jobs.

Key Position: Continue eliminating the Business Rent Tax, Support insurance market reforms to lower premiums, promote reasonable property tax policies, Encourage business expansion and relocation.

WORKFORCE & HOUSING

Strengthen Florida's Workforce Pipeline

Support workforce education, career and technical training, apprenticeships, and partnerships that connect talent to local employment opportunities.

Advance Workforce Housing Solutions

Support attainable housing initiatives and preserve dedicated housing funds to ensure employers can attract and retain a quality workforce.

Key Position: Support Suncoast Technical College, State College of Florida, and USF. Preserving funding for housing trust funds (Sadowski Act), and Monitor implementation of the Live Local Act.

INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCE

Invest in Strategic Infrastructure

Support transportation improvements, broadband expansion, environmental stewardship, and disaster recovery resources that enhance economic vitality and community resilience.

Key Position: Advance I-75 and SR 681 improvements, protect water quality, and beach renourishment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Support policies that foster a competitive business environment, develop a skilled workforce, invest in critical infrastructure, and protect businesses from unnecessary costs and regulatory burdens. Join forces with others where policy issues don't conflict with the Chambers policy.